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END OF YEAR REMINDERS

Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) will close on June 30, 2026. The program wants to remind districts of important dates concerning FY26 year-end procedures. Please ensure that cost-share payments and end-of-year expense reports are submitted in a timely manner. The review of these items allows the program to ensure that Missouri taxpayer money is being spent according to commission policy. During the cost-share payment review process, program staff try to remain as consistent as possible. To aid in the review process, please ensure that any relevant notes are included.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND REPORTS

June 5, 2026	If you have a district truck, you may request additional administrative funds (Fund 04) for truck expenses if needed. Please send an email with a detailed line-item estimate of remaining 04 fund eligible expenses for this fiscal year to: soil&waterconservationprogram@swcd.mo.gov.
June 30, 2026	All FY26 expenses (including payroll tax liabilities) must be paid on or before June 30.
July 20, 2026	FY26 fourth quarter reports must be submitted to the program office (submit electronically through MoSWIMS) by July 20.

COST-SHARE

Advanced FY27 funding was loaded on May 26, 2026, and will allow districts to complete termination date extensions for contracts that have been started. The FY27 advanced allocations should not be used

for starting new contracts initially, but to roll projects into FY27 that were started in FY26 and not completed. Contracts that roll over into the FY27 will be issued a new contract number with a note in MOSWIMS indicating the old contract number. If a district has insufficient funds in a resource concern to complete change orders for time extensions with the FY27 initial allocation, notify Jennifer Pellett at jennifer.pellett@dnr.mo.gov. Board approved contracts for practices not started prior to the established termination date must be cancelled in accordance with cost-share policy contained in section IV, page 3, of the Cost-Share Handbook. **All change orders for termination date extensions must be signed by the cooperator and a board member.**

IMPORTANT DATES OF INTEREST:

June 15, 2026 (midnight)	Contract payments to be paid in FY26 must be at the status of PEND PO FIN on the Contract Event Lookup screen by June 15.
June 30, 2026 (5 p.m.)	MoSWIMS is locked for statewide rollover on June 30.
July 13, 2026	Approximate date MoSWIMS will be unlocked.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT

Daviess SWCD accomplished a mighty feat that not many have, the district received no audit findings during their last audit. Susan Heldenbrand has been with the district for almost 38 years. When asked what her secret was, Heldenbrand said she has a file with prior audit recommendations that she reviews and tries to not make the same mistake over again. “If we work together and help them (auditors) find what they need, things go better. We both have a job to do.”
Great job Susan and
Daviess County!

PRACTICE HIGHLIGHT COVER CROPS

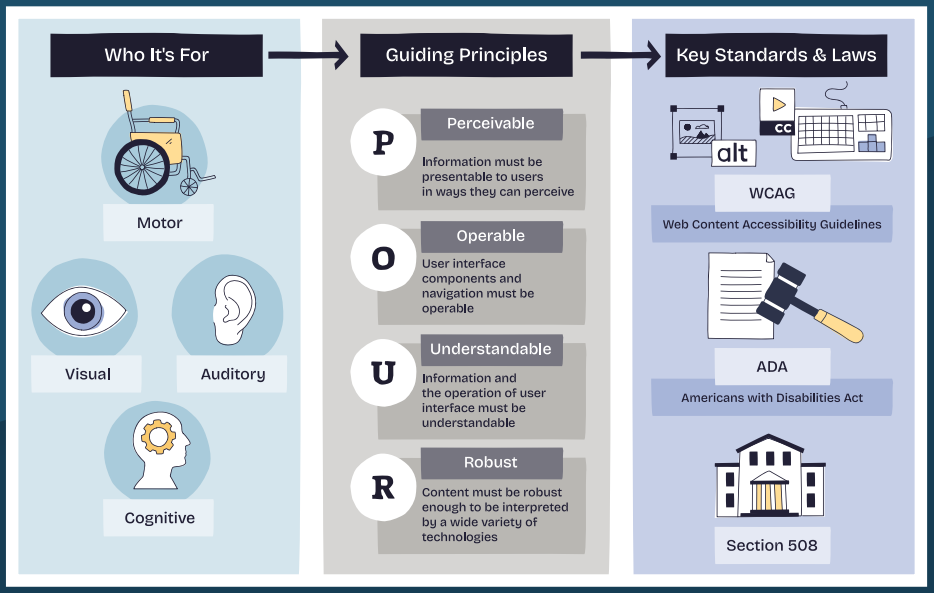
The N340 Cover Crop practice is one of the program's most popular cost-share practices. The N340 started as a demonstration practice in 2013-2014, becoming an official cost-share practice in 2015. While the practice has evolved over the years, the goal remains the same: to provide operators an incentive to adopt cover crops on their row crop acres to reduce soil erosion, improve water quality and soil health. In FY25, SWCP paid out $5.3 million in cover crop contracts, which was 2,778 total contracts, on a total of 165,932 acres. The current incentive payment is $30/acre/year for a one or two species mix or $40/acre/year for a three or more species mix at an annual maximum of $5,000 per operator.

BOARD TRAINING

Please remind your board that training is available from the program office like the district specialist trainings for new employees. With board elections recently certified, it is important that board members can ask questions and learn about the program. As a reminder, board supervisors need a minimum of six meetings with a quorum and six cumulative hours of approved training obtained by the board in the last 12-month period.

508 COMPLIANCE

Under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 508 compliance is a federal requirement. This law requires that websites, documents and electronic communications be accessible to individuals with disabilities. This requirement applies to each SWCD district website that is publicly accessible.



Additional information about accessibility standards can be found at the following link: State and Local Governments | ADA.gov.

The program is still in the process of having the current SWCD intranet site updated. Moving forward, internal documents and communications such as memos and correspondence will be moved to the districts' SharePoint site. If you need assistance locating SharePoint, please reach out to your district coordinator.